

## HPP Performance Report – April 2021

### Summary

#### Public Safety and Crime Prevention

April saw a slight increase in events compared to March. Reported events increased by 33 to 325 in April compared to 292 events in March. This is an 11.3% increase; this was due mainly to a rise in public assistance events during the month.

April followed the same trends as previous months with patrollers being inundated with public disorder and vagrancy issues. Although the figures are ever so slightly down compared to March, they are still concerning. 84 incidents of reported matters were in dealing with public disorder being mainly loitering, 50 incidents and unruly behaviour, 11 incidents. 56 incidents of reported matters were in dealing with vagrancy and begging issues.

In addition to HPP recovering stolen property during the month, several of the reported incidents resulted in the arrest of 10 suspects during the month: 6 as a result of CCTV intervention and 4 as a result of the team in the field as well as supporting security companies and neighbourhood watches.

HPP Special Response Unit (SRU) vehicles continue to note numerous open windows and doors while on patrols at night. For the month of April, 50 such incidents were reported by patrollers.

The busiest suburbs during April were the CBD (81 reports, of which 46 were crime related), Voelklip (64 reports, 8 of which were crime related), Westcliff (28 reports, of which 10 were crime related) and Eastcliff (31 reports, of which 9 were crime related). It is important to remember that not all incidents reported are crime related. Many of them are public assistance or preventative action taken by HPP.

During the past months, HPP has been proactively involved in conducting Special Operations which include visible foot patrols at night, implementing listening posts at night and conducting “sweeps” of the bushes. During the “sweeps” “vagrant nests” are identified and reported through to the Overstrand Law Enforcement offices. We are pleased with the involvement of Law Enforcement in these vital operations.

**Please note:** There has been a slight increase in common robberies in the area. Several incidents involved valuable items such as cell phones, bank cards and cash grabbed out of people’s hands with the suspects quickly disappearing. We urge you to remain vigilant of your surroundings, do not carry valuables in your hands and vary your routine where possible.

We would also like to draw your attention to the importance of reporting all crimes to the police. Reported crimes are logged as a crime statistic which help the police strategize and allocate the appropriate resources to suburbs. Read about how reporting crime helps everyone here: [Reporting crime can reduce crime and save lives.](#)

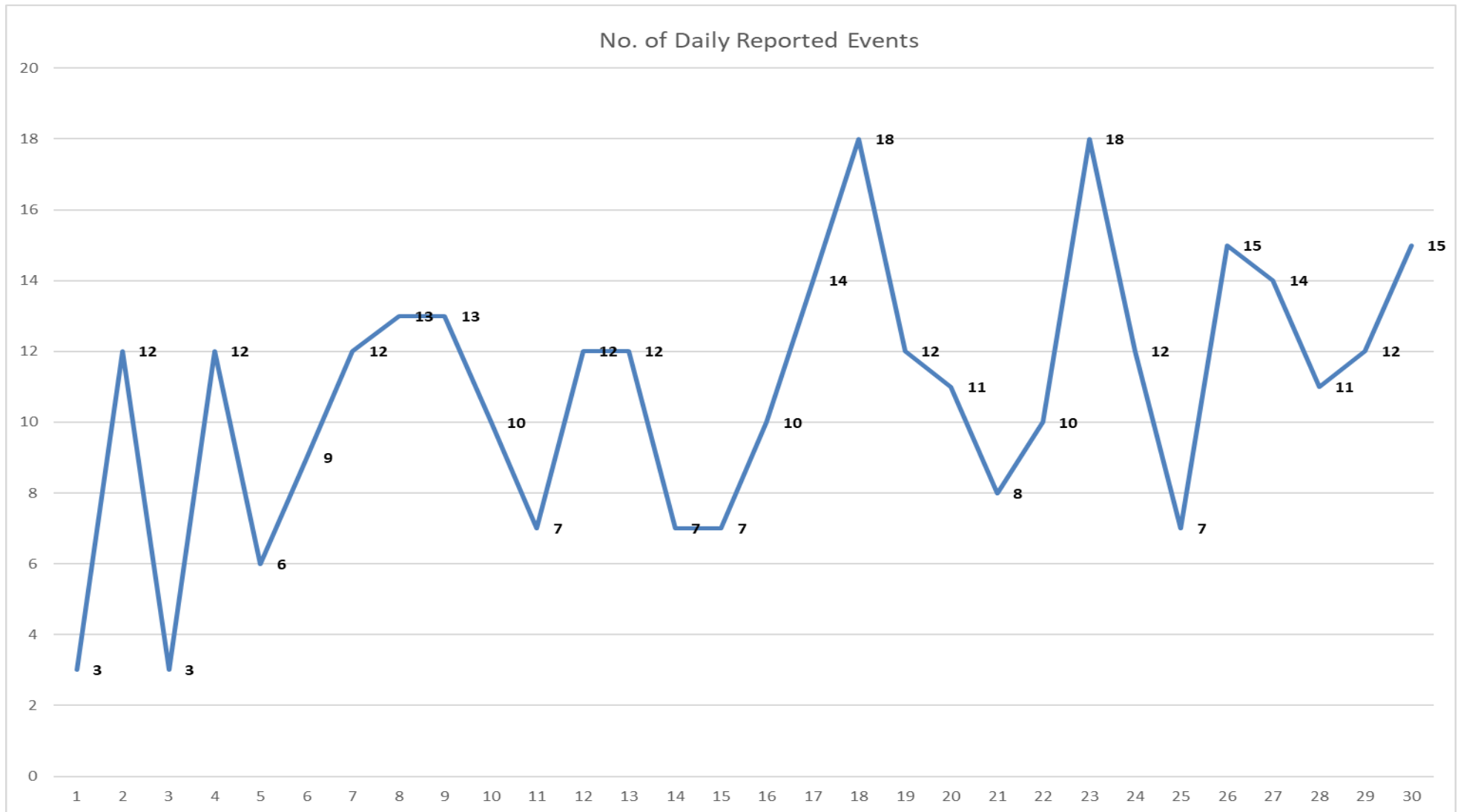
#### Cleansing

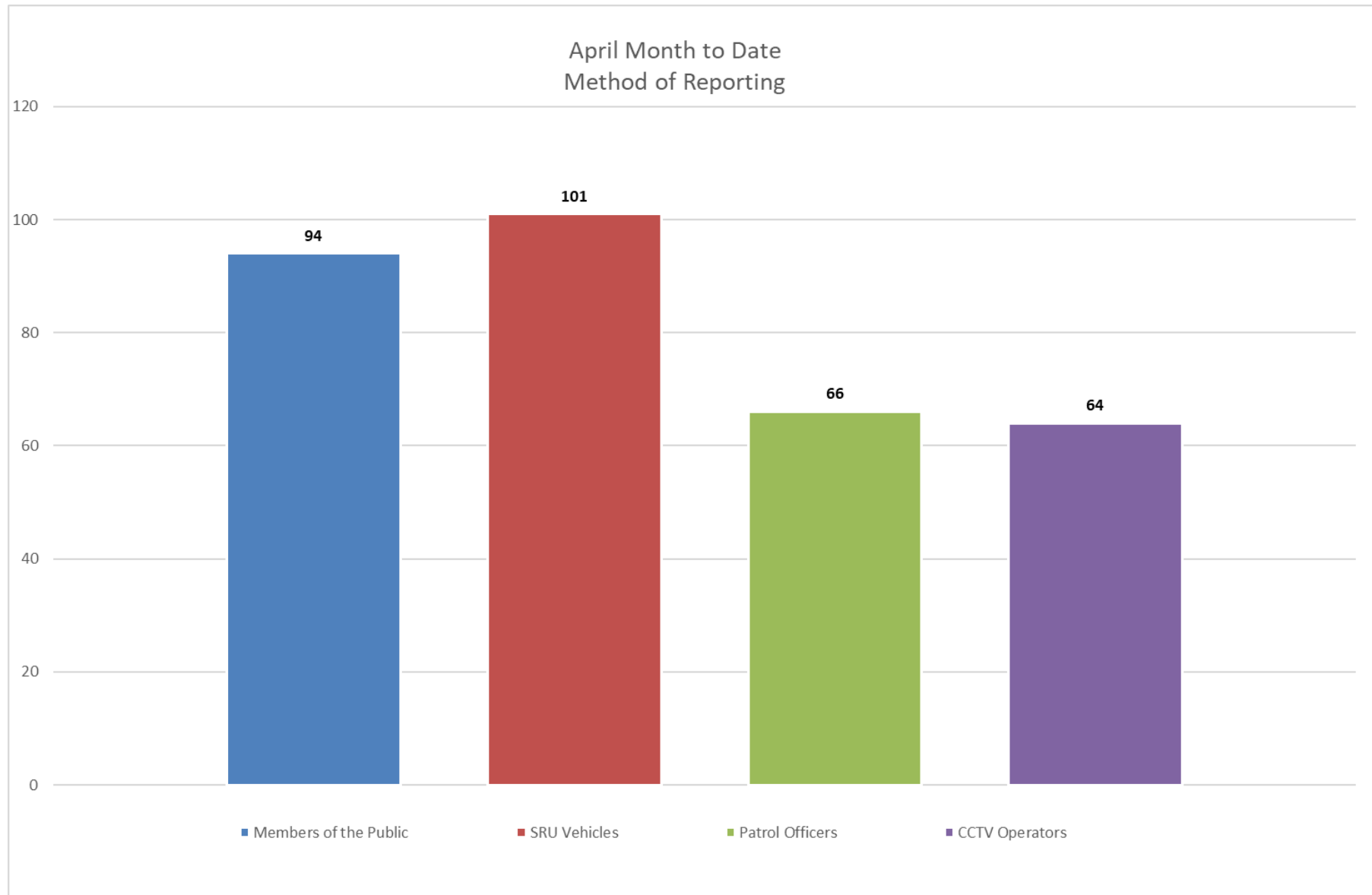
The HPP cleaning and clearing services team covers the Cliff Path regularly in sections, namely: Roman Rock to the Marine Hotel; Gearings Point to New Harbour; Hoy’s Koppie and Grotto East to Kraal Rock.

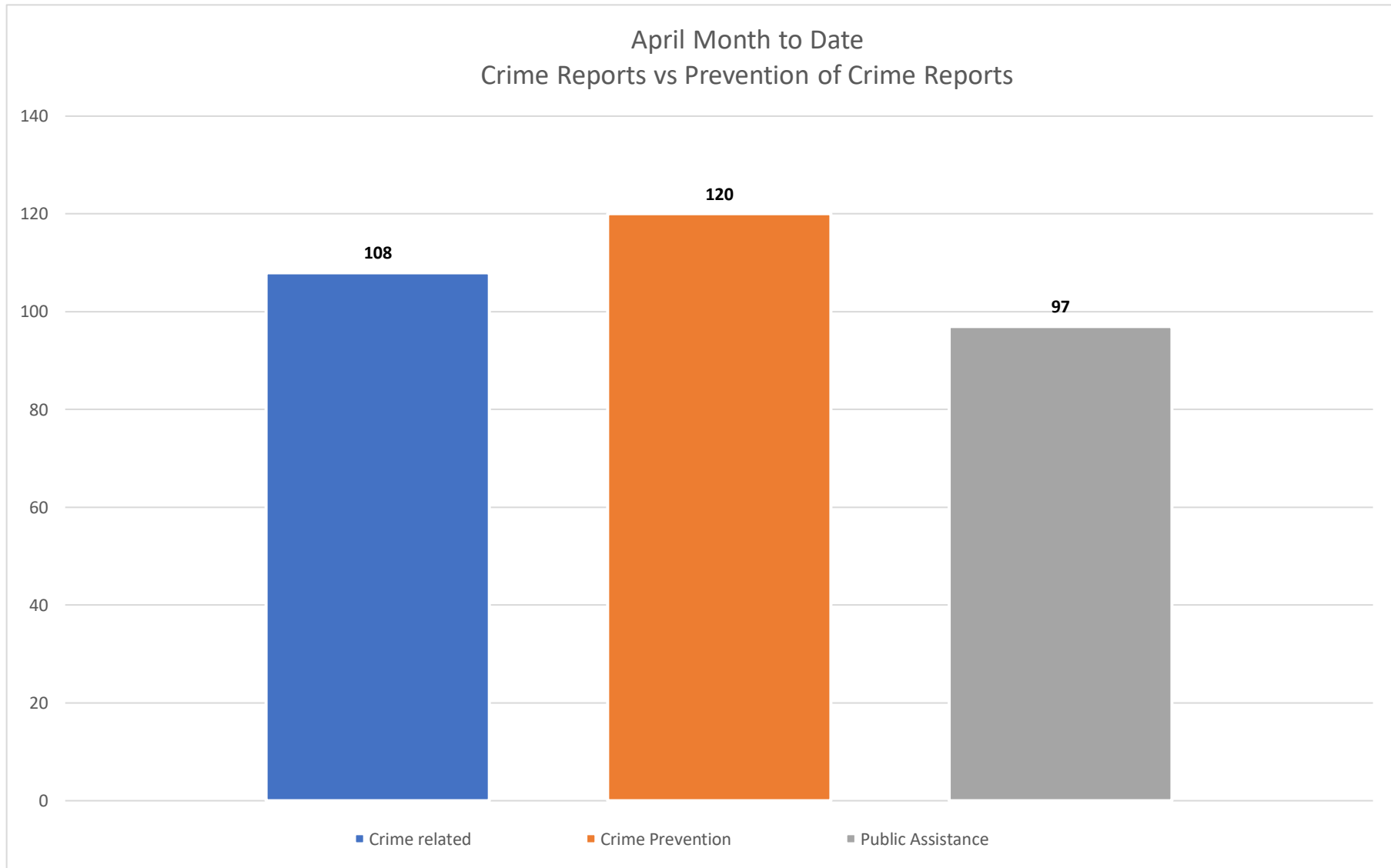
In April, a total of 240 black bags, down from 260 in March, were picked up along the path including the cleaning of all the beach and path rubbish bins, as well as parking areas along the Cliff Path.

We again appeal to users of the Cliff Path to adhere to the by-laws and work together to ensure that the Cliff Path remains a top attraction and a joyful experience for everyone who uses it.

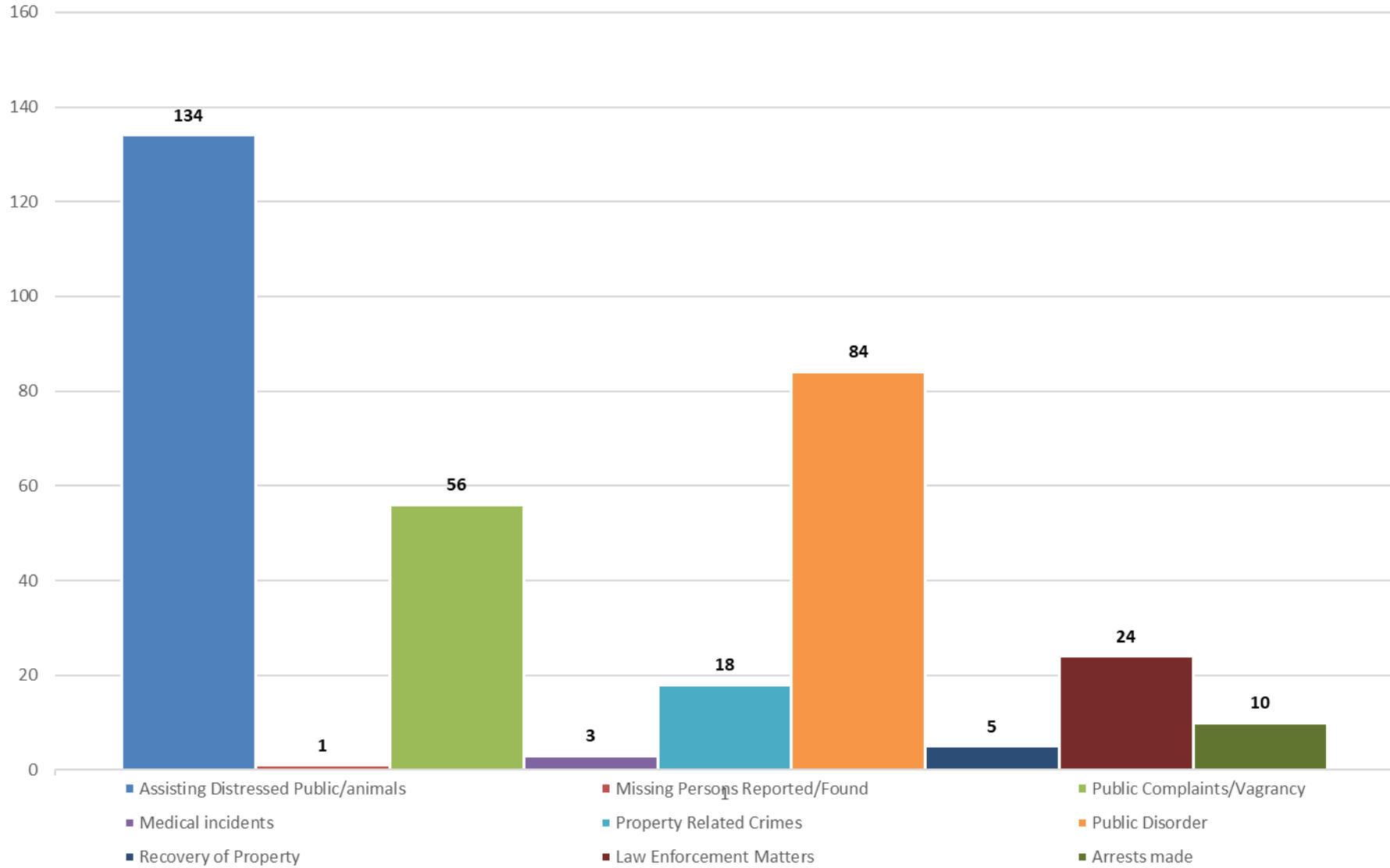
## Public Safety and Crime Prevention for the period 01/04/2021 – 30/04/2021



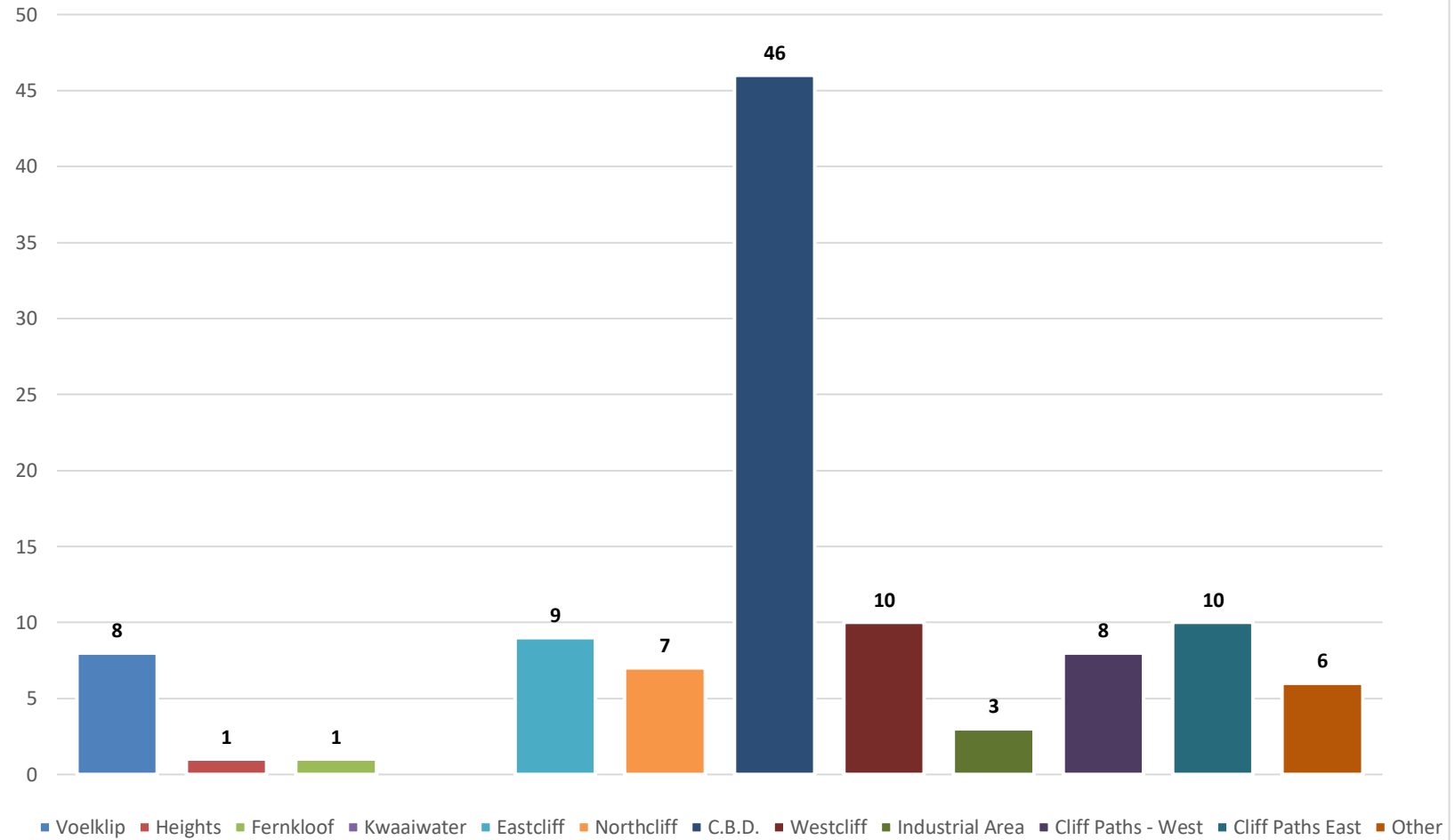




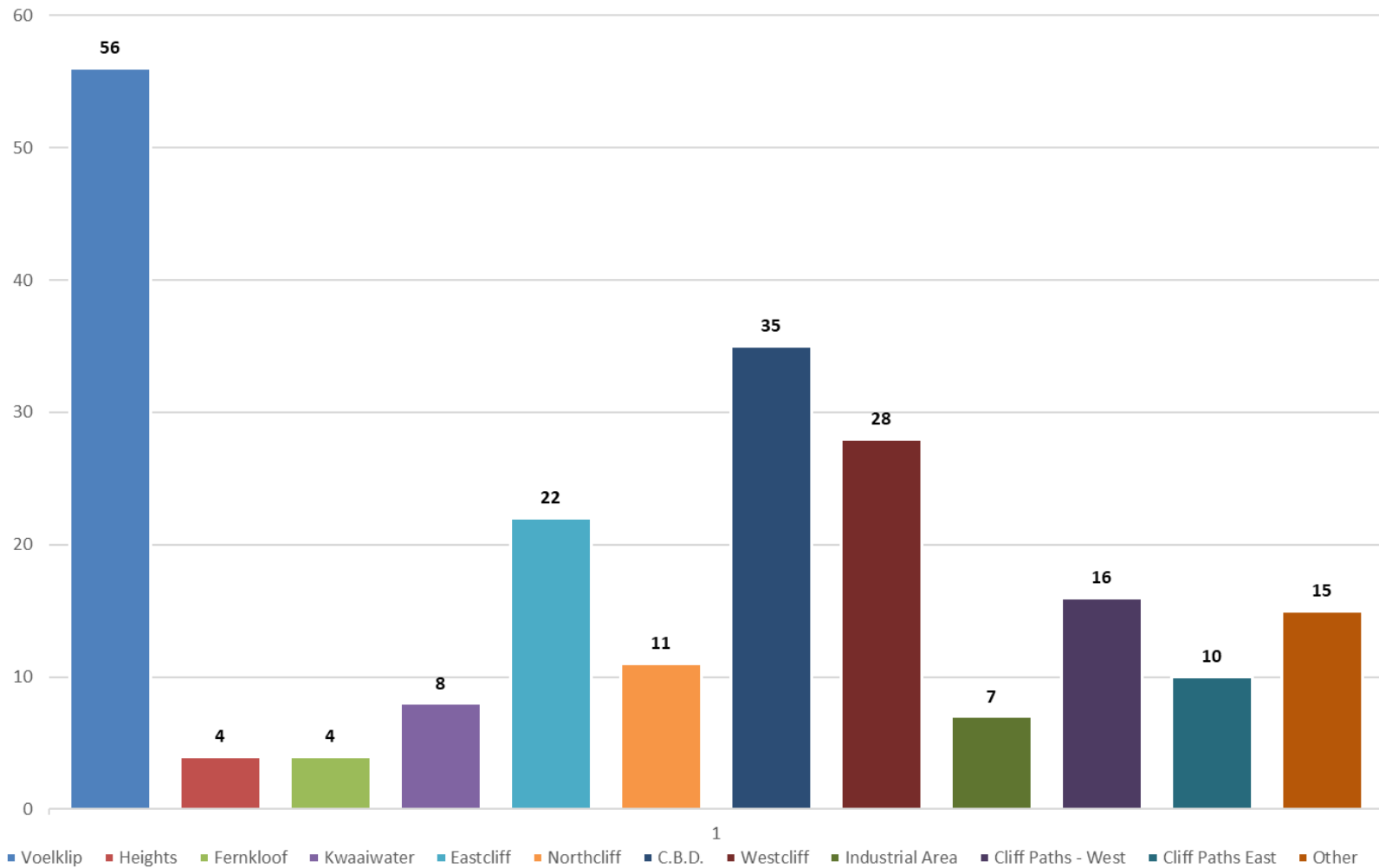
April Month to Date  
Overall Summary



April Month to Date  
Crime Only Reports per Suburbs



April Month to Date  
Non Crime Reports per Suburbs









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**FORGOTTEN  
SOMETHING?**



**NEED A POOP  
BAG...**

If you're not prepared,  
we are!

Just ask a patroller on  
the path.

